

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer

P-EBT helps families buy food during COVID-19.



P-EBT is a one-time food benefit for families who lost access to free or reduced-price meals due to school closures.



P-EBT application deadline has been extended to July 31.

P-EBT is for families who meet at least one of these criteria:

- ✓ Children up to 21 years old who are certified for free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program at school in Texas during the 2019-20 school year.
- ✓ Children who attend a school that offers free meals to all students (Community Eligibility Provision or Provision 2).
- ✓ Children ages 5-18 who received SNAP food benefits for March 2020.

Immigration status does not matter when applying for P-EBT. The public charge rule does not apply to P-EBT benefits.

To find out if you are eligible for P-EBT benefits or to get help applying, call the P-EBT call center at 833-613-6220.

Who needs to complete an online application?

- Eligible families not enrolled in SNAP.
- Families with eligible children under the age of 5 or between the ages of 19-21 that received SNAP benefits for March 2020.

SNAP recipients with children ages 5-18 **do not** need to apply.

It is important to put a valid phone number on the application because staff may need to call to approve the application.

How will eligible families get P-EBT funds?

Families that currently receive SNAP will have P-EBT funds loaded onto their Lone Star Card. Families not currently receiving SNAP will be mailed a P-EBT card loaded with benefits. Families will get up to \$285 per child.

What can families buy with the P-EBT card?

Household food items such as fruits, meats/poultry/fish, dairy, and breads. P-EBT benefits can be used wherever SNAP food benefits are accepted.

For more information, visit <https://hhs.Texas.gov/PEBT> or call 833-613-6220



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